

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled HEAVY DUTY AUDIO EQUIPMENT the specification of which:

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on _____, assigned Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
_____ (Number)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Month/Day/Year Filed)	_____ Yes	_____ No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) and/or §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>09/153.621</u> (Application No.)	<u>September 15, 1998</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status-Patent, Pending, Abandoned)
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